Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Americans throughout this state set aside Veterans Day for special remembrance of the men and women who have served to protect our freedom; and,

Whereas, Patriotic songs will fill the air at countless ceremonies around the country and at our bases overseas in tribute to those who gave their lives to safeguard our freedom; and,

Whereas, On this special day, our hearts and thoughts also turn to those who were disabled while serving their country, and their sacrifices and hardships, earn daily, the honor and compassion of a grateful state and nation; and,

Whereas, Over 72,000 men and women living in South Dakota have served honorably in the United States Armed Forces; and,

Whereas, From Valley Forge to Afghanistan, through war and peace, valiant Americans have answered the call to duty with honor and dignity, where these brave men and women, and their loved ones, have made significant sacrifice on behalf of our nation; and,

Whereas, With a spirit of pride and gratitude we honor all our veterans; and I invite all citizens of South Dakota to join me in observing Veterans Day through appropriate celebrations, activities, and a moment of silence at 11:00 am:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2017, as

VETERANS DAY

in South Dakota, a day dedicated to all Veterans and invite all citizens both in public ceremonies and in private thoughts and prayers to gratefully acknowledge our Veterans and honor their proud legacy.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State